Remarks

Claims 1, 6 and 9 have been amended to recite that the new hypertext document contains a script function that becomes active when the document is loaded to perform a desired restoration function. This recitation is directed to the script portion 706 of the save file 700 (Fig. 7), which is invoked on loading of the file 700 to restore data (lines 17-18). By including this script function, applicants are able to interoperate with any Web browser containing a script interpreter.

New claim 12, dependent on claim 1 as amended, recites that the script function is a JavaScript function (page 3, line 20). New claim 13, dependent on claim 1, recites that the script function becomes active when loaded to repopulate the first hypertext document with the user data (page 10, lines 2-4). New claims 14 and 15 are similar to claims 12 and 13, but depend on claim 6. New claims 16 and 17 are similar to claims 12 and 13, but depend on claim 9.

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by the online reference entitled "Persistence", found at http://www.webreference.com/js/column24/ ("WebReference"). A page of this reference found at http://www.webreference.com/js/column24/snapshot.html, entitled "Hard Disk Persistence", describes saveSnapshot, "a Behavior that enables persistence of an HTML file when you save it onto your hard disk". While this "behavior" addresses some of the problems of providing data persistence, it introduces its own limitations, since the saved file must be handled by a program capable of such behaviors. As far as the WebReference indicates, the only application capable of such behavior is Microsoft's Internet Explorer, which is available only on Windows platforms. Thus, the disclosed solution cannot be used on the many platforms, such as Linux and Macintosh, where Internet Explorer is unavailable.

While the reference page entitled "Hard Disk Persistence" does refer to a "script block", this does not appear to be a script function as claimed by applicant. The script block depicted:
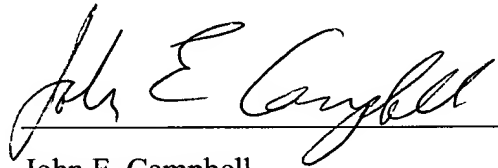
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<SCRIPT CLASS="saveSnapshot" ID="persistentScript">
var persistentVariable;
</SCRIPT>
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is thus to be contrasted with the script function 706 shown in lines 337-497 of Appendix D of applicants' specification, which is replete with names of variables to be repopulated to the header file 904.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-11 as amended and new claims 12-17 distinguish patentably over the reference cited. Reconsideration of the application as amended and a favorable action on the merits are therefore respectfully requested.

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